



Docket No.: 81862P116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

ONCHUEN D. LAU, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/334,693

Filed: June 16, 1999

For: **Scheme For Maintaining Synchronization In An
Inherently Asynchronous System**

Art Group: 2666

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 23, 2004, from the Office Action dated October 21, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and a Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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